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(b) what the amounts are of grants for secondary school buildings paid to each district board in each year for the past five years ending 1934–35;

(c) what the amounts applied for by each district board for such purpose in each year for the past five years are; and

(d) on what principles these distributions are made?

A.—(a) The conditions imposed are—

(1) that the school in respect of which a building grant is applied for was in existence on 12th June 1930, the date on which orders were issued by Government determining the policy to be followed in respect of subsidies to local bodies for secondary schools;

(2) that the necessity for the building is admitted by the Education department;

(3) that detailed proposals with plans and estimates are forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction and reach Government after scrutiny by the Consulting Architect before October 1st in each year;

(4) that the subsidy from Government does not exceed one-half of the cost;

(5) that the building is constructed and subsidy claimed before the end of the third financial year beginning with that in which the subsidy is promised; and

(6) that necessary funds are available with Government.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 472 on 6th November 1935.

(c) The information asked for is not readily available.

(d) Payment of subsidies is sanctioned in respect of sanctioned schemes with reference to the actual expenditure incurred on them from time to time, the actual amount being restricted to one-half of the expenditure incurred.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" With reference to answer (c), may I ask the Hon. Minister to get the information? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think any useful purpose is going to be served by getting the information."

Working of the Provident Fund Scheme in aided institutions.

* 732 Q.—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether school teachers in aided institutions have the benefit of provident fund scheme in all schools (secondary as well as lower), whether managed by local boards, municipalities or private agency;

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(b) whether the teachers are allowed to adjust from the provident fund towards life insurance policies in all such institutions where the scheme exists or whether the systems differ and if so, in what respect;

(c) whether the provident fund can be invested only in Government securities or savings bank (postal) or in postal cash certificates;

(d) what the rules are that govern the investment of provident funds, their conversion and withdrawal and whether they would be placed on the table of this House;

(e) whether the Government have received any representations that the machinery which deals with these funds is very slow to act and that steps should be taken to expedite work so as to prevent losses to teachers in investing, reinvesting and withdrawing; and

(f) what, if any, are the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this connexion?

A.—(a) It is presumed that the reference is to the Provident Fund for teachers in non-pensionable service. This fund is for the benefit of teachers in recognized educational institutions under private management; teachers in institutions managed by local bodies are not allowed to subscribe to this fund.

(b) *to* (d) The hon. Member is referred to the rules relating to the fund published at pages 73–79 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st February 1933.

(e) & (f) No representations of the kind have been received.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" May I know whether any resolution of the South Indian Teachers' Association has been sent up to the Government in that connexion? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The answer says that no representation has been received."

Delay in the disposal of applications from teachers for closing their provident fund accounts.

* 733 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications in the Presidency in each of the last three years received from teachers in non-pensionable service in aided secondary schools for permanent closure of their provident fund accounts;

(b) the number of applications in each of the said years, on which full claims have been paid together with contributions from the Government;

(c) the number of applications in which contributions from the Government alone, are pending payment; and